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Drug Analysis Laboratory Monthly Status Report

November, 2009

Amherst and Jamaica Plain (combined)

Cases* submitted to the laboratories this month...........................885
Number of items* contained in these cases..............................1712

Cases analyzed by the laboratories this month.........................1215
Number of items analyzed this month....................................1968

Number of vegetable matter items returned untested....................207

Laboratories' backlog (Items).. 11250
Average time per analysis (turnaround time)........................ 181 days
Number of preliminary/priority analyses performed.........................177

<u>Analysis Backlog</u>
Unanalyzed items in the laboratory on the last day of the month

1-15 days old	973	9%
16-30 days old	708	6%
31-50 days old	1063	9%
Greater than 50 days	8506	76%
TOTAL	11250	100%

* A CASE refers to all the evidence gathered from an incident or arrest that is related to one or more defendants. Each case may contain one or more ITEMS of different appearance and/or composition, e.g. marijuana, cocaine, heroin.

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Analysis Profile
Time in the laboratory for items analyzed this month

1-15 days	41	2%
16-30 days	55	3%
31-50 days	274	14%
Greater than 50 days	1598	81%
TOTAL	1968	100%

Totals for Drugs of Interest

Drug Type	Number of Items
Marijuana	314
Cocaine	486
Heroin	243
Others	925
TOTAL	1968

Trafficking Items Analyzed

Drug Type	Number of Items
Heroin	9
Cocaine	43
Oxycodone	7
TOTAL	59

Calendar Year (2009) Totals through the End of the Month

Items Submitted	23575
Items Analyzed	23914 (does not include 2642 untested vegetable matter items)